

**CITY OF BURLESON CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
THE CITY OF BURLESON 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE
PROGRAM FOR THE 88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the 88th Texas Legislature will commence on January 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, revenue caps, budgeting authority, revenue sources, and many other legislative issues affecting local government will be considered; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burleson desires to adopt its 2023 State Legislative Program for the 88th Texas Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. That the City of Burleson's 2023 State Legislative Program for the 88th Texas Legislature is adopted as set forth in Exhibit A and made a part of this resolution for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and City Council, City Manager and the City Attorney, or their designees, shall communicate the items included in the 2023 State Legislative Program to members of the Texas Legislature.

SECTION 3. The City Manager, or his designee, may draft appropriate resolutions or ordinances in support or opposition for legislation as outlined in the 2023 State Legislative Program.

SECTION 4. The Mayor and City Council, City Manager, and City Staff may provide testimony in support or opposition for legislation as outlined in the 2023 State Legislative Program.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND SO RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Burleson, Texas, on the 9th day of January 2023.

Chris Fletcher, Mayor
City of Burleson, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amanda Campos, City Secretary

E. Allen Taylor, Jr., City Attorney

Exhibit A

GENERAL LEGISLATIVE POLICY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The fundamental goal of the City's legislative activities is to produce positive outcomes for the citizens of Burleson as a whole. Numerous proposals in the Texas Legislature have the potential to seriously impact the ability of the City to carry out its overall mission. By taking a proactive role in monitoring and commenting on proposals in the Texas Legislature, we are working to ensure that the citizens of Burleson can continue to enjoy the quality of life they have come to expect and deserve.

STATEMENT OF PRESERVATION

As a general policy, the City will oppose any legislation viewed as detrimental to the City's strategic goals or would limit home rule authority; is contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; mandates increased costs or loss of revenues; or would diminish the fundamental authority of the City.

The City will oppose any initiatives that:

- Erode municipal authority in any way, impose an unfunded mandate, or otherwise be detrimental to cities.
- Provide for state preemption of municipal authority in general
- Impose further revenue and/or tax caps of any type
- Erode the ability of a city to issue debt
- Limit or prohibit the authority of city officials to use municipal funds to communicate with legislators; or limit or prohibit the authority of the Texas Municipal League to use any revenue, however derived, to communicate with legislators
- Oppose legislation that would erode the authority of a city to be adequately compensated for the use of its rights-of-way and/or erode municipal authority over the management and control of rights-of-way, including by state or federal rules or federal legislation
- Oppose legislation that erodes or support legislation that promotes the City's ability to:
 - utilize economic development tools including tourism programs,
 - attract business, recruit or retain employers, or compete for new business that grows the local and state economy,
 - manage the development of land including the City's authority over any special purpose districts formed inside the City or the ETJ,
 - finance infrastructure,
 - manage franchise agreements, or
 - participate in utility rate cases

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

The City supports any legislation that would advance the City's strategic goals and interests; improve the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and responsibly increase revenues.

Support

The City supports legislation that would:

- Make beneficial amendments to H.B. 2439, the building materials bill (See Exhibit B: HB 2439).
- Allow cities the option of using either an official newspaper or a website for the publication of legal notices.
- Support and collaborate with surrounding agencies to enhance regional transportation in ways that will positively impact the city of Burleson.
- Require police departments to adopt policies and procedures to require peace officers to document and address cases of domestic violence with evidence of impending breathing (strangulation).
- Impose a penalty enhancement in family violence cases where there is a child witness
- Support the North Central Texas Council of Governments regional transportation efforts.